Committee to Measure Coal Stock and Production in the Country

1247. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether any committee has been constituted to enquire into present system of measurement of coal stocks and production in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the said committee has since submitted its report to Government ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Board of Directors of Coal India Limited appointed a Sub-Committee to review the existing practice and procedure for firm measurement of overburden removal (OBR) and coal stocks.

(c) and (d) The Sub-Committee, after a detailed study submitted its report. The Report of the Sub-Committee has been accepted by the Board of Directors of Coal India Limited (CIL) with some modifications. The recommendations as accepted have been codified and circulated by CIL to its subsidiaries for strict implementation. The Code prescribes methods to be adopted for measurement of coal and OBR in Opencast mines, measurement of coal production in underground mines, norms for issue of coal for colliery consumption and investigation and action for stock shortage cases.

Scheme to Improve Stagnated Production of Underground Mines

1248. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a major re-organisation of coal mines including mergers and derationalisation for more production of power is being considered by the Coal India Ltd ;

(b) if so, whether the main purpose of re-organisation is to improve the stagnated production of underground mines ;

(c) if so, what are the other steps that are being considered ;

(d) by what time the scheme is likely to be introduced ; and

(e) to what extent it will improve coal production in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (e) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is seeking information about major reorganisation of coal mines including mergers and de-nationalisation. There is no proposal under consideration of the Govt. to privatise the working coal mines of Coal India Ltd. (CIL). However, with a view to attract higher investment in coal mining to meet increasing coal demand, the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 has been amended on 9-6-1993 to enlarge the scope of coal mining by private enterprises for captive mining for generation of power, washing of coal, and other end uses to be notified. As regards re-organisation of underground/opencast mines for achieving higher production/productivity, it is a continuous process undertaken by coal companies.

Property of Lodna Colliery at Dhanbad

1249. SHRI M. D. SALIM : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1766 given in the Rajya Sabha dated on 9th August, 1993 and state :

(a) when it has come to the knowledge of the B.C.C.L. that the plot number 177 of Mouza Lodna belongs to them ; if so, the details thereof ;

(b) what are the details of the land alongwith its market value ;

(c) what are the reasons for this late discovery about the ownership of this plot and the steps taken on that ; and

(d) whether any body has been made accountable ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd. (CIL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) should have been aware by 1986 that Plot No. 177, Mouza Lodna belonged to them.

(b) Plot No. 177 Comprises of 13.5 acres of land. According to Coal India Ltd. (CIL) the value of this land at the rate prevalent at the time of nationalisation worked out to Rs. 67,500.

(c) to (e) According to CIL, the ownership of this plot could not be ascertained earlier for want of title deeds. B.C.C.L. have since won an eviction case in the Court of Estate Officer. However, the other party has gone into appeal in the court of Distt. Judge and the matter is sub-judice.

Attending the proceedings of Regional Labour Commissioser's Office by Senior BCCL Officers

1250. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no senior officer of the B.C.C.L. capable of taking decision attend conciliation proceedings at the Regional Labour Commissioner's Office;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even the letter of the Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner is not replied; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The letters of Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner are by and large replied.

(d) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में कोयला खानें

1251. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में कोयला खानों का ब्यौरा क्या है और उनमें कार्यरत श्रमिकों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन खानों में कोयले का प्रतिवर्ष कितना उत्पादन किया गया; और

(ग) उक्त अवधि के दौरान इन खानों द्वारा कितना लाभ अर्जित किया गया?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) कोल इंडिया लि० द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई सूचना के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश में कोयला खानों की संख्या 111 है। इन खानों में कार्यरत श्रमिकों की कंपनीवार संख्या दिनांक 1-4-1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार नीचे दर्शायी गई है :–

कंपनी	खानों की संख्या	श्रमिकों की संख्या
साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि० (सा०ई०को०लि०)	75	98289
नार्दर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि० (ना०को०लि०)	6	8671
वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि० (वे०को०लि०)	30	33738
जोड़ :	111	140698